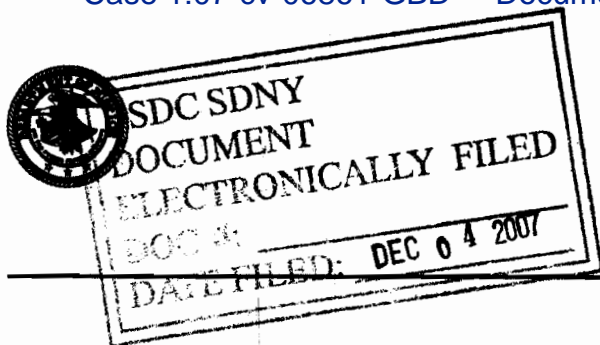


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United States Attorney
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86 Chambers Street
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December 3, 2007

By Hand

Honorable George B. Daniels
United States District Court Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 630
New York, New York 10007

Re: Candida Gutierrez v. Astrue
07 Civ. 6861 (GBD)

Dear Judge Daniels:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced action. During my preparation of defendant's answer, I encountered several issues that required that I seek more information from the Agency. Therefore, with the consent of plaintiff, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time from today, December 3, 2007, to January 2, 2008, to respond to the complaint.

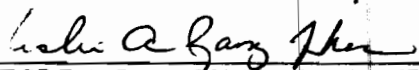
This is defendant's second request for an extension of time, as the answer was originally due on October 1, 2007.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

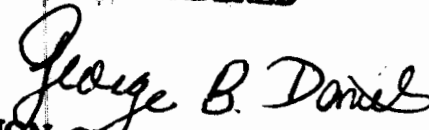
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SO ORDERED


HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS
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